Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rose A. Kocer was born on July 11, 1909, to Joseph and Mary Soukup on the family homestead south of Wagner, South Dakota, the seventh of ten children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Rose married Frank Kocer in Dante, South Dakota, on February 1, 1932, and to that union three children were born: Fred, Dan and Connie; and,

Whereas, Along with her commitment as an active farm wife and mother, Grandma Rose has generously shared her cooking, sewing and rose gardening techniques with her 18 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Rose will always have the coffee pot on and will serve her famous kolaches and fried chicken, especially on Labor Day weekend; and,

Whereas, Rose will observe her 95th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 11, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State